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### **CONSTRUCTION ALERT**

This is the first in a series of construction alerts that will be issued throughout the construction of the 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Underpass Improvement Project. These alerts will announce construction, detour and closure information as it affects traffic. Motorists are asked to obey all posted speed limit signs within the construction area and be alert for construction crews and personnel working in the area.

The first phase of construction for the 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Reconstruction Project has begun. This transportation improvement project will necessitate multiple closures and restrictions that will impact pedestrian, vehicle and bicycle travel.

**Beginning June 25, 2007** the following traffic impacts will be in effect:

- **Congress Street**, between North Toole Avenue and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue will be closed. This closure is expected to be in place through the end of the year.
- **Toole Avenue**, between 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Broadway will be closed through the end of the year.
- **Westbound Broadway** traffic, between Barraza Aviation Parkway and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, will share travel lanes with eastbound Broadway. At 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, westbound Broadway traffic will be redirected onto Congress Street. This traffic detour is scheduled to be in place through December 2007.
- **4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Underpass** will be closed to vehicular traffic. Pedestrians will be able to continue using the underpass until July 23, 2007.
- **Fourth Avenue businesses** can be reached by using 6<sup>th</sup> Street.
- **South Toole** will be closed between Broadway and 12<sup>th</sup> Street for approximately 2 months (weather permitting). Motorists needing access to the area should use either Euclid/Park to 18<sup>th</sup> Street or 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue south to 12<sup>th</sup> Street.
- **Left turn movements**, from east or westbound Broadway, onto 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, **will not be allowed**.
- **North Toole** will remain open and can be accessed from westbound Broadway by traveling north on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Toole. Eastbound Broadway can reach North Toole by traveling north on 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Pennington, then east to Toole.
- The **sidewalk along the north side of Broadway**, between S. Toole and Barraza- Aviation Parkway, **will be closed** through the end of the year.
- Sidewalk improvements and streetlight installation is underway along 8<sup>th</sup> Street, between 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenues. These improvements will cause only minor traffic impacts. Work is expected to be completed by July 20, 2007.
- **Parking** is available at the Pennington Street Garage. The entrance to the garage is located on Scott, just north of Congress Street.

### **ACCESS TO BUSINESSES WITHIN THE CONSTRUCTION AREA WILL BE MAINTAINED AT ALL TIMES**

Motorists, bicyclist and pedestrians, please be cautious, obey all posted construction signage, reduced speed limits and remember to share the road.

**Attached is a map designed to help the traveling public  
*Know Your Way Downtown* during construction.**